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Dear Citizen Councilor:

We are pleased to welcome you to this third round of forums, *Values and Performance of King County Government*. We are particularly happy to welcome back those of you who took part in the previous round(s).

Your participation in the forums supports civic engagement and community building. It also constitutes a valuable source of information for decision- and policy-making. For the last three years the Auditor's Office has been actively involved in a comprehensive effort to increase transparency and accountability in King County government through performance management, strategic planning and public engagement. The Countywide Community Forums are emerging as a significant tool in a multi-prong approach to engage the public in identifying countywide priorities as part of the development of a countywide strategic plan.

As with previous rounds, the tallied responses will be included in a report that will be presented to King County Council, the Executive, the press, and will be posted in late June 2009 on our website at www.KingCounty.Gov/Operations/Auditor/CommunityForums. Reports from Round 1 and 2 are already posted at that address.

The mission of the Auditor's Office is to promote and improve performance, accountability and transparency in King County government. While the Citizen Councilor Network and its Countywide Community Forums are managed by citizen volunteer coordinators, the Auditor's Office assures that the topic reflects the interests of the community, that all materials are suitable and even-handed and that all data is handled with proper care. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please email the Countywide Community Forums Program Manager at Chantal.Stevens@KingCounty.Gov.

We know that your time is valuable, and we appreciate that you chose to invest it in this community engagement process. We also hope that you consider this program sufficiently worthy to encourage your neighbors, friends and family to register and participate.

Sincerely,

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